

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Decision on Appeal decided on November 19, 2009, the Examiner's decision to reject claims 1 to 3, 7 to 9, 11 to 13 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Emigh was reversed. The Examiner's decision to reject claims 14 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Houseman was reversed. The Examiner's decision to reject claims 1, 2, 5 to 9, 11, 13, 14, 15 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Müller in view of Emigh is affirmed.

Claims 3 and 12 are hereby amended and written in independent form. Claim 10, previously objected to but indicated as allowable, is also hereby amended and written in independent form.

Claims 1, 7, 11, 14 and 15 are hereby canceled without prejudice.

Claims 2, 5, 6 and 16 are hereby amended to depend from claim 3. Claim 8 is hereby amended to depend from claim 10. Claim 13 is hereby amended to depend from claim 12.

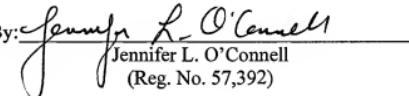
Withdrawal of the rejections to claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 8 to 10, 12, 13 and 16 in view of the Decision on Appeal is respectfully requested.

Reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

The present application is respectfully submitted as being in condition for allowance and applicants respectfully request such action.

Respectfully submitted,
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